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Doe J. 1999. Trivial HTTP, RFC2169. <ftp://ftp.isi.edu/in-notes/rfc2169.txt>. Accessed 12 Nov. 1999.

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ISSN International Centre. 2006. The ISSN register. <http://www.issn.org>. Accessed 20 Feb. 2007.

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